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SUBJ: NUCLEAR WEAPONS DISCUSSION AT FORTHCOMING US-JAPAN SUMMIT  
MEETING

REF: TOKYO 13401

SUMMARY: POLITICAL PRESSURES GENERATED BY LAROCQUE TESTIMONY AND RELATED NEWS REPORTS HAVE APPARENTLY BEGUN TO INFLUENCE GOJ TOWARD VIEW THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS ISSUE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN SUMMIT TALKS DURING PRESIDENT FORD'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO JAPAN. FINANCE MIN OHIRA TOLD DIET COMMITTEE OCTOBER 22 HE HOPES THE PRESIDENT AND PRIMIN TANAKA WOULD DISCUSS THE QUESTION NEXT MONTH. A SIMILAR VIEW WAS EXPRESSED BY STATE MINISTER TOKUSABURO KOSAKA, DIRGEN OF PRIMIN OFFICE, IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR HUGH SCOTT. OF INTEREST IS FACT THAT THESE VIEWS DIFFER FROM EARLIER STATEMENT IN DIET BY FONMIN KIMURA THAT GOJ HAD NO PLANS TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH U.S.

1. RESPONDING TO SOCIALIST QUESTIONING IN UPPER HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE OCT 22, FINANCE MIN OHIRA ERPORTEDLY STATED THAT HE HOPED THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS QUESTION WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MONTH'S SUMMIT TALKS IN TOKYO. ALTHOUGH OHIRA'S REPLY DID NOT PURPORT TO REPRESENT OFFICIAL POLICY, IT DIFFERED FROM  
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REMARKS MADE LAST WEEK BY FONMIN KIMURA WHO SAID IN RESPONSE

TO DIET QUESTIONING THAT THE GOJ HAD NO PLANS TO DISCUSS THE  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS ISSUE WITH THE U.S.

2. STATE MINISTER AND DIRGEN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TOKUSABURO  
KOSAKA TOLD SENATOR HUGH SCOTT AT A DINNER MEETING OCT 23 THAT  
HE FELT IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD SAY  
SOMETHING ABOUT THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ISSUE THAT WOULD ALLAY THE  
WIDESPREAD POPULAR ANXIETY CAUSED BY THE LAROCQUE  
TESTIMONY AND OTHER ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS ON US WARSHIPS VISITING JAPAN. HE SAID THAT WHILE MANY  
JAPANESE HAS SUSPECTED THAT NUCLEAR-CAPABLE SHIPS MIGHT BE  
CARRYING NUKES DESPITE DENIALS, LAROCQUE TESTIMONY HAD CONVINCED  
MOST OF PEOPLE THAT THESE SUSPICIONS WERE TRUE.

3. ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN THE SANKEI NEWSPAPER, A GOJ SOURCE  
REVEALED ON OCT 23 THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO TAKE UP  
THE NUCLEAR PROBLEM IN THE FORD-TANAKA TALKS AND MAY SEEK TO  
INCORPORATE INTO THE FINAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE A "CLEARER" STATEMENT  
ON THE ISSUE THAT WOULD SERVE TO DISPEL THE SUSPICIONS AROUSED BY  
THE LAROCQUE TESTIMONY. SANKEI SPECULATED THAT THE NEW STATE-  
MENT WOULD PROBABLY BE ESSENTIALLY A RECONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS  
POSITIONS BUT ADDED THAT THE REASONS WHY THE GOJ FELT  
SOMETHING POSITIVE HAD TO BE DONE WAS THAT STRONG VOICES AMONG  
THE GOJ LEADERSHIP ARE PRESSING FOR FUTTHER DISCUSSION  
AND CLARIFICATION OF THE NUCLEAR ISSUE IN THE SUMMIT TALKS.

4. COMMENT. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL INDICATION FROM THE  
GOJ OF ITS POSITION ON HANDLING THIS ISSUE IN COMMUNIQUE OR  
PRESIDENTIAL VISIT GENERALLY.  
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